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Congressman Livingston wanted you to be aware of this. He would also appreciate any insights on the accuracy of this information.

  
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Congressman Robert Livingston  
U.S. Congress  
Washington, D.C.

Re: The Dry Canal Project

Dear Mr. Livingston:

[redacted] some documents  
and correspondence pertinent to a project named The Dry Canal, which is the  
construction of a two-way railroad across Costa Rica, Central America, along  
the Nicaraguan border, including a port on each coast.

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This project is being solely pursued by a corporation named Nev-Tex and its  
president, Mr. Robert Harrison.

According to my information obtained by the translations, I firmly believe the  
following:

1. The feasibility study will be completed in 45 to 60 days.
2. Mr. Harrison has obtained a secure position with the Costa Rican government  
and a preliminary agreement of a 50 year concession.
3. Favorable response from the majority of the Costa Rican Congress and  
opposition party.

[redacted] I became aware of Japanese, French and Italian  
interests vigorously seeking to purchase this project, and I believe  
Mr. Harrison is seriously considering selling.

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I also know that Mr. Harrison has been trying to obtain assistance from the  
American companies with limited success.

Unknown to Mr. Harrison, I am taking the initiative to contact you moved  
strictly by patriotism, and I believe it is the reason Mr. Harrison has not yet  
sold the project. Mr. Livingston, I am a naturalized American citizen and I  
greatly appreciate and cherish for what this country stands.

Considering the geographic and strategic position of this project, I personally  
feel it is vital for our national security to have it in our possession.

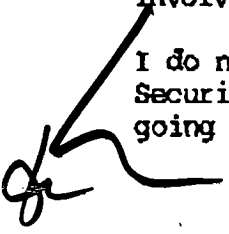
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I believe the Costa Rican government has and will reject any official assistance from the United States government, but it is not opposed to the involvement of the private sector in this project.

 I do not know how much you can do about this issue, but I think the National Security Council and the C.I.A. would like the information. Mr. Harrisoin is going to Costa Rica on November 21 to negotiate his interest in this project.

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